

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Evan Tims	Team: Squad #5	CCRB Case #: 201909978	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Saturday, 05/18/2019 6:00 PM	Location of Incident: 77th Precinct stationhouse	Precinct: 77	18 Mo. SOL 11/18/2020	EO SOL 7/5/2021	
Date/Time CV Reported Sat, 11/16/2019 4:17 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: On-line website	Date/Time Received at CCRB Sat, 11/16/2019 4:17 PM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. DT3 William Camacho	5567	933669	077 DET

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. POF Gloria Quizhpi	11049	948120	077 PCT
2. POM Christophe Hagzan	25672	953942	077 PCT
3. POM Ernesto Defreitas	05133	926743	077 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.DT3 William Camacho	Off. Language: Detective William Camacho made remarks to § 87(2)(b) based upon race.	

Case Summary

On November 16, 2020, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint online with the CCRB. He filed the complaint nine months after the date of the incident.

On May 18, 2019, at approximately 6 p.m., § 87(2)(b) was in a cell at the 77th Precinct stationhouse after having been arrested for § 87(2)(b). Detective William Camacho of the 77th Precinct detective squad spoke to § 87(2)(b) in the cells and allegedly said, “Oh, you should be used to this. You’re black, right?” (**Allegation A: Offensive Language**, § 87(2)(g))

The investigation obtained BWC footage from § 87(2)(b)’s arrest, but did not obtain any footage depicting his interactions in the stationhouse with Det. Camacho.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Offensive Language: Detective William Camacho made remarks to § 87(2)(b) based upon race.

In his online complaint, § 87(2)(b) wrote that Det. Camacho told him, “You are black. You should be used to this” (BR04). In a phone statement, § 87(2)(b) recounted that Det. Camacho said, “You are black. You must be used to this” (BR05). In an in-person interview, § 87(2)(b) testified that Det. Camacho spoke to him before fingerprinting him, and that Det. Camacho said, “Oh, you should be used to this. You’re black, right?” (BR06).

It should also be noted that § 87(2)(b) initially alleged that other officers also made comments to him regarding race, but later retracted those allegations. In his online complaint, he wrote that at least one officer “made racist remarks” about him when speaking to fellow officers. In his phone statement, he recounted that he heard two officers at the scene of his arrest making racist jokes about him and saying something to the effect of, “Look at this black guy.”

However, during his in-person interview, § 87(2)(b) again recounted that he heard officers making jokes about him, but specified only that they said something to the effect of, “Look at this guy. Look at this guy.” He could not recall the officers’ exact words, but he explained that he had a feeling that they were referencing his race. When reminded during the interview that he had previously recounted hearing the officers make racist remarks, § 87(2)(b) admitted that they had not made any verbal reference to his race, but that he could tell that they had racist attitudes.

Det. Camacho confirmed that he fingerprinted § 87(2)(b) in the cell area, and that he asked § 87(2)(b) to come upstairs to the squad office to discuss his arrest (BR07). However, § 87(2)(b) declined to come upstairs, and Det. Camacho had no further conversation with him. Det. Camacho denied that he made any reference to § 87(2)(b)’s race, that he used the word “black,” or that he said anything to the effect of, “You must be used to this.”

§ 87(2)(g)

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB complaint to which § 87(2)(b) has been a party (BR03).
- Det. William Camacho has been a member of the NYPD for 16 years and has been a subject in eight CCRB complaints and 16 allegations, none of which was substantiated. He has two previous allegations of using offensive language (CCRB cases #200802783 and #201106119), both of which were closed as unsubstantiated.

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate this complaint.
- As of April 14, 2020, the NYC Comptroller's office had no record of any Notice of Claim filed regarding this incident (BR01).
- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
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Squad No.: 5

Investigator:	<u>DG</u>	<u>IM Giansante for Inv. Tims</u>	<u>May 16, 2020</u>
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Squad Leader:	<u>Daniel Giansante</u>	<u>IM Daniel Giansante</u>	<u>May 16, 2020</u>
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